



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 23 June

**...if we are children, then we are heirs...
Romans 8:17**

Morning Service

Becoming a child of God

Romans 8:14-17

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God!**

**Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not, when He came,
God's own eternal Son.**

**High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hidden from our eyes.**

**Our souls, we know, when He appears,
shall bear His image bright;
for all His glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.**

**A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure,
and purify our souls from sin,
as Christ himself is pure.**

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Prayer

Romans 8.12-17

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8.12-17

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8.12-17

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Children's Talk

**Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.**

I am not afraid, no, no, no.

I am not dismayed, not me.

For I'm walking in faith and victory.

**Come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.
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for the Lord your God is with you.**

**I am not afraid, no, no, no.
I am not dismayed, not me.
For I'm walking in faith and victory.
Come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.**

Andy Silver

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Prayer

**Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove,
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see, the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them as they pray.**

John Newton 1725-1807

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Prayer

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Romans 8:14-17

Prayer

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Evening Service

A life more ordinary

1 Samuel 7:12-17

Rev Jerry Middleton

**To render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
and to Thy name, O Thou most high.
due praise aloud to sing.**

**Thy loving-kindness to show forth
when shines the morning light;
and to declare Thy faithfulness
with pleasure ev'ry night.**

**On a ten-stringed instrument,
upon the psaltery,
and on the harp with solemn sound,
and grave sweet melody.**

**For Thou, Lord, by Thy mighty works
hast made my heart right glad;
and I will triumph in the works
which by Thine hands were made.**

Psalm 92:1-4

Prayer

1 Samuel 7. 12-17

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

1 Samuel 7. 12-17

13 So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7. 12-17

14 The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

1 Samuel 7. 12-17

¹⁵ Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life. ¹⁶ From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places.

1 Samuel 7. 12-17

17 But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

Prayer

**Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.**

**Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.**

**I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thomson

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**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all
to love and follow Him.**

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be with us all.
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